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				As you know, a report is due to the Congress by 1 June on the new Historical
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				draft of that report prepared by Ken McDonald and reviewed
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The Honorable David Durenberger Chairman Select Committe on Intelligence United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I take pleasure in submitting, as requested in Section 3 of the CIA Information Act, a report on the feasibility of conducting systematic review for declassification and release of Central Intelligence Agency information of historical value.

This kind of review is indeed feasible, and to carry it out we have established the new Historical Review Program that our report describes. This program is moving forward vigorously to declassify historically significant CIA records for transfer to the National Archives.

We prepared our report in consultation with those officials and historians specified by the CIA Information Act; their report is appended to mine. Our meetings with them in March and their report have been extraordinarily helpful, and we have incorporated all of their recommendations into our Historical Review Program.

I especially endorse our consultants' recommendation that we reassemble them or a comparable panel in two or three years, to assess the program's progress and to make such further recommendations as are necessary. This program has my strong support and we are determined to make it succeed.

As the CIA Information Act directs, I am also sending my report and this letter to the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, and the Chairmen of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosures

